

REMARKS

Claims 3, 13 and 23-36 are canceled. Claims 37 and 39-43 remain pending in the application.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indicated allowability of claims 37 and 39-43.

Withdrawn claims 3 and 23-30 have been canceled from the application.

Claims 13 and 31-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) or (e) as being anticipated by one or more of Ohkase (U.S. Patent No. 5536918); Ruhl (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0016468); and Hayashide (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0163599). Without admission as to the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, claims 13 and 31-36 are canceled.

Those claims that remain pending (claims 37 and 39-43) have been indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. Accordingly, the application is in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant therefore requests formal allowance of claims 37 and 39-43 and issuance of a notice of allowance on the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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